

A' more flexible than conventional reinforcement matting while exhibiting superior, tensile strength properties. The matting 12, particularly an upper surface profile thereof, has no substantial three dimensional features such as grooves, troughs, cuspatations, crimping, or other open structured, three-dimensional features.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 13 and 17.

Amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

A2 Sub B1
1. (Amended) An erosion control system comprising:
a flexible matting having an upper surface and a lower surface structured to be secured to or placed on a sloped, substantially unvegetated surface, the matting including
a core layer formed of a fiber matrix comprising randomly oriented fibers; and
an upper layer bonded to the core layer;
the upper surface of the matting having a substantially planar surface topography without substantial three dimensional features.

A3 Sub B1
14. (Amended) An erosion control system comprising:
a flexible matting structured to be secured to or placed on a surface prone to erosion, the matting comprising a core layer formed of a fiber matrix comprising Sudan grass.

REMARKS

The above-identified application has been carefully reviewed and amended in light of the Examiner's communication mailed November 19, 2002.

Applicant has canceled, without prejudice, claims 13 and 17. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims at a later date, for example in one or more later filed related applications.